



# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

## Back To School Edition

### August 2015



First Day School is **Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**! In addition, all Pre-K students will begin the school year on **Wednesday, August 26**. For the first week, parents are asked to ensure students arrive at their designated bus stop **EARLIER** than the normal 5 minutes that is required. Click [HERE](#) to locate your school & bus information.

In this newsletter you will also find upcoming Open Houses, Back-To-School & other school related info for Howard County schools and HCC students! All events are subject to change so please visit each respective website for the most up-to-date information.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXCITEMENT:**

**Bellows Spring ES:** B2S Night for Grades 1 & 2 is September 1 at 6:30pm; B2S Night for GT is September 2 at 6pm and Grades 3-5 is September 2 at 7pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Cradlerock ES:** B2S Night for PreK-2 is September 1 6:30-8pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5, GT is September 2 6:30-8pm.

**Deep Run ES:** Kindergarten Play Day is August 21 6:30-8pm at Waterloo Park in Elkridge. B2S Night for GT is September 1 at 5:45pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is September 1, 6:30-7:30pm; and B2S Night for K-2 is September 2, 6:30-7:30pm. Hispanic Coffee w/ Administration is September 25 9:30-11am. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Ducketts Lane ES:** B2S Night for K is August 20 at 6:30pm. Open House is August 21 2-3pm. B2S Night for Grades 1-3 is August 31 6:30-8pm; B2S Night for GT is September 1 at 6pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 & GT is September 1 6:30-8:30pm. Watch DOGS Kick-Off Event is September 16 6:30-7:30pm. Rocky on the Run 5k is September 19 at 8:30am. Order [2015-2016 School Supplies](#) here!

**Elkridge ES:** Kindergarten & New Student Orientation is August 20 7-8pm. Open House for ALL Students is August 21 2:30-3:15pm. B2S Night for Grades K-1 is August 31 6-7pm; B2S Night for Grades 2-3 is September 1 6-7pm; B2S Night for GT is at 5:15pm and Grades 4-5, GT is at 7pm. Check out the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#).

**Ilchester ES:** Open House August 21 1-3:30pm. B2S Night for RECC, K-2 is September 1 7-8:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is September 2 7-8:30pm. Check out the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#).

**Jeffers Hill ES:** New Student Orientation is August 21 12:30-1pm; Meet & Greet Your Teacher is August 21 1-2pm. B2S Night for ALL grades is September 2 6:30-8:30pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXCITEMENT (Cont.):**

**Phelps Luck ES:** Kindergarten Orientation is August 21 1-2pm. Open House is August 21 2-3pm. Form Filling Session for Hispanic Families is August 21 2-3:30pm & August 24 9-10:30am. B2S Night for K-2 is September 1 7-8:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is September 2 7-8:30pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Rockburn ES:** Open House K-5 is August 21 2-3pm. B2S Night for K is August 20 at 6pm; B2S Night for Grades 1-3 is September 1 at 6pm; B2S Night for Grades 4-5 is September 2 at 6pm. GT Orientation is September 2 5-6:45pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here.

**Stevens Forest ES:** B2S Night for Prek & K is August 20 6:30-8pm. Open House is August 21 2:30-3:30pm. B2S Night for Grades 1-2 is August 26 6:30-8pm; and B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is August 27 6:30-8pm. Hispanic Families Meeting September 16 7-8:30pm; Family Reading Night Grades 1-5 September 22 6:15-7:45pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Talbott Springs ES:** B2S Night for K is August 20 6:30-7:30pm & Kindergarten Bus Orientation is August 21 at 1:30pm. New Student Orientation is August 21 at 1:30pm & Bus Orientation is at 2:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 1-2 is September 2 6:30-7:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is September 3 6:30-7:30pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Thunder Hill ES:** New Student Orientation is August 21 at 1:15 pm & Open House is at 2pm. B2S Night for Grades K-2 is September 2 6:30-8:30pm; GT Program Info Session is September 3 at 6pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is September 3 6:30-8:30pm. B2S Picnic is September 11 6:30-8pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Waterloo ES:** Open House is August 21 2-3pm; GT Parent information night is September 3 at 6pm; B2S Night for PK, K & RECC is August 20 at 6pm; B2S Night for Grade 4-5 is August 31 at 6pm & Grade 3 at 7pm; B2S Night for Grades K-1 is September 1 at 6:30pm; B2S Night for Grade 1-2 is September 3 at 7pm and GT is September 3 at 6pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Cedar Lane:** Open House is August 21 at 12pm.

**Homewood Center:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is October 1 6-8pm.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA:**

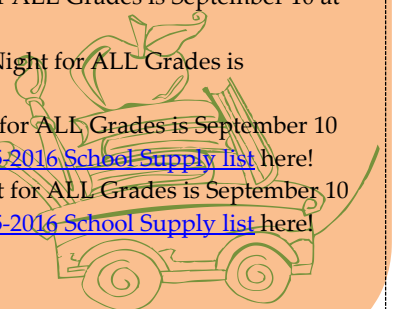
**Bonnie Branch MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6:30pm.

**Dunloggin MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6pm.

**Elkridge Landing MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 7pm.

**Ellicott Mills MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6:30pm. Check out the [2015-2016 School Supply list](#) here!

**Lake Elkhorn MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6:30pm. Check out the [2015-2016 School Supply list](#) here!



### **MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA (Cont.):**

**Mayfield Woods MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6pm. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Oakland Mills MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 9: 5:30pm for Hispanic Parents (Rm 089); 6pm School Fair/Café; 6:30pm Administration/PTA (School/Gym); 7pm Grade Level Presentations. Check the [2015-2016 School Supply List](#) here!

**Patuxent Valley MS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6:30pm. Check out the [2015-2016 School Supply list](#) here!

**Thomas Viaduct MS:** Orientation & Wolf Pack Rally is August 20. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation 2pm; 7-8 Grade New Student Orientation 2pm. Wolf Pack Rally 3-4:30pm. B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 10 at 6:30pm. Check the [2015-2016 Supply List](#) here!

### **HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:**

**Centennial HS:** [B2S Night for ALL Grades](#) is August 27 at 5:30-9pm

**Hammond HS:** B2S Night for Grade 9 is August 27 at 6pm; B2S Night for Grades 10-12 is August 27 at 7pm. Homecoming is October 10 (Pep Rally on October 9). Prom is April 30, 2016.

**Howard HS:** Fall Sports Info Night is August 20 at 7pm. New Student Orientation is Friday, August 21 at 9am; B2S Night for ALL Grades is August 26 at 6pm. Senior Retreat is August 28 at 10:10am & Retreat Lunch is 1:30pm. College Night is September 16 at 6pm.

**Long Reach HS:** B2S Night is August 27: 6:30pm for 9<sup>th</sup> grade; 7pm for Grades 10-12.

**Oakland Mills HS:** B2S for ALL Grades is August 27 7-9pm;

**Wilde Lake HS:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is August 26 at 7pm. Homecoming is October 24.

**ARL:** B2S Night for ALL Grades is September 15 6:30-8pm.

### **PTA MEETINGS & GATHERINGS**

As you know, Parents are invited to join their students' respective school PTA/PTSA. Membership fees vary based upon school. Below are upcoming meetings for the new school year. Parents are encouraged to attend and become engaged!

In addition to the individual school PTA/PTSA meetings below, the PTA Council will host its General Meeting on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, at the Homewood Center, 10914 Clarksville Pike in Ellicott City.

**Bellows Spring ES** – 2nd Monday of every month in the BSES Media Center at 7:00 PM.

**Deep Run ES** – September 21 at 7pm; PTA Bingo October 23 7-9pm

**Ducketts Lane ES** – Ice Cream Social/PTA General Membership Meeting is September 10 6:30-7:30pm

**Elkridge ES** – PTA Meeting September 9 at 6:30pm; PTA Sponsored Yard Sale October 3 7am-12pm

**Jeffers Hill ES** – Second Monday of the month

**Phelps Luck ES** – PTA Meeting is September 9 7-8:30pm

**Stevens Forest ES** – first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in SFES Media Center; Ice Cream Social September 11 6-8pm

**Talbott Springs ES** – PTA General Membership Meeting September 17 6:30-8:30pm TSES Media Center. Guest Speaker will discuss and answer questions on Tele-Health Program.

### **PTA MEETINGS & GATHERINGS (CONT.)**

**Waterloo ES** – PTA General Meeting September 28 at 7pm; B2S Picnic is September 18 at 5:30pm

**Bonnie Branch MS** - PTA Meeting September 9 at 7pm; PTA Restaurant Night at Uno's September 16

**Mayfield Woods MS** – Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Oakland Mills MS** – PTSA Meeting September 15 6:30pm

**Thomas Viaduct MS** – PTSA Meeting September 8 6-7pm

**Howard HS** – Typically 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm in HoHS Media Center: September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10

**Long Reach HS** – PTSA Meeting is September 21

### **FREE & REDUCED MEALS FORMS**

All students receiving free and reduced meals (FARM) must complete a new form each school year. Benefits are carried over each year but expire on September 30. Make sure you complete a new form by the expiration date. The form may be completed online or you can stop by the Front Desk at your respective school to pick up a hard copy. If you have questions or need assistance completing the application, please contact your school. Additional information, go [online](#) or call 410-313-6743.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Box Tops for Education is a program that helps raise money for your student's school. For every Box Tops coupon you cut out and send in, the registered school will earn approximately 10 cents. In addition, if you sign up at [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com), you will have access to product coupons and have the opportunity to earn more for the school through shopping on-line at your favorite stores.

How can you help? It is quite simple. You can find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of grocery items. When you finish a product, clip them and send your collection into school. Most schools ask that you put them in a zip-top plastic bag with your child's name, grade and teacher. For details, contact your local school to identify their participation.





## OAKLAND MILLS HS EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

Engaging, equipping and supporting college-bound students. Earn over 30 college credits by the end of senior year in HS and over 60 after one further year at HCC. Gain a HS Diploma and an Associates of Arts Degree (A.A.) from HCC and transfer credits to many four year colleges. Some essential features: Grades 9/10: HS classes w/ cohort experience; Grade 11: Some college classes taken at OMHS; and Grade 12: College classes taken at HCC with transportation provided. Upon graduation, one further year at HCC needed to gain you're A.A. For more details, contact Karim Shortridge, OMHS Principal, at [karim\\_shortridge@hcpss.org](mailto:karim_shortridge@hcpss.org).

## DISCOVER HCC – GET STARTED TODAY

Looking for an affordable, accessible and practical pathway to education? Whether you're an adult learner, veteran, int'l or immigrant student, over 30,000 students turn to HCC each year. [Apply today](#) – **Classes begin August 22!** Need help enrolling? HCC Student Services will be open **Saturday, August 22 9am-2pm** to provide assistance. Tuition is assessed by credit hour & on place of residency. Worried you can't afford tuition, texts, technology, and associated costs? In addition to financial aid (apply for FAFSA [here](#)), scholarship opportunities are available, some of which based on financial need, academic achievement, talents, career interests, etc. They include: [HCC Educational Foundation Endowments & Scholarships](#); [James W. Rouse Scholars Honors & Leadership Program](#); [NSF S-STEM Scholarship Program](#); [Pathway Scholarship Program](#); [STEM Scholars Program](#) and [MD State Financial Assistance Programs & Applications](#).

## EMERGENCY/SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAY INFO

Register [online](#). Parents who subscribe to this free service can also opt to get news from their child's school, and receive the school system's Weekly News, which provides valuable information on school activities and HCPSS-related information.

HCPSS TV - Cable TV Comcast 95/Verizon 42

NotifyMeHoward - Register [online](#) for news & alerts from HC Gov't.

### Local media:

WBAL-TV – Channel 11

WRC-TV – Channel 4

WBAL-AM – 1090 Regional Emergency Broadcast Alert System

WTOP-FM – 103.5 Regional Emergency Broadcast Alert System

HCPSS Information Hotline 410 313-6666

Twitter – [@hcpss](#)

All the best,

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*"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others." ~ Douglas MacArthur*